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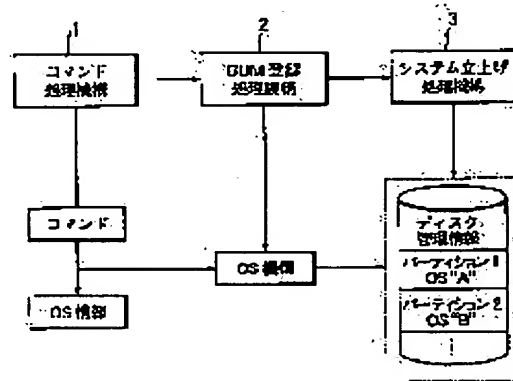
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(54) OS MODE SWITCHING DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To speedily start a system at the time of switching an OS mode by providing a mechanism to designate an OS to be started, mechanism to set the information of the designated OS to a BUM, and mechanism to start the designated OS.

CONSTITUTION: In a command processing mechanism 1, the mode of the OS to be newly started is analyzed by switching the mode from a command inputted by an operator, and information showing which partition of which device registers the starting OS, is set to a memory. A BUM registration processing mechanism 2 further edits the starting OS information set to the memory so as to comprehend that information in the case of the start processing. A system start processing mechanism 3 reads the starting OS information set to the memory at the time of starting the system. When the mode of the starting OS is judged from this information, the position of the partition registering the starting OS is specified by accessing partition managing information.



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